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Hongkong, January 2, 1895.

The *Nichi Nichi* notes that General Meeker, who was in Japan for some time, has been promoted to the rank of Major-General. This honor is put down by our contemporary as due to the Emperor's recognition of the then Major's valuable services to Japan, as evidenced by the success attending the operations of the Japanese fleet, many of whom were trained by him.

The first of the cricket matches between Mr. Stoddard's team and all Australia concluded on the 20th ult. at Sydney. The attendance and enthusiasm were great, and a sensational struggle resulted in the victory of Mr. Stoddard's eleven by ten runs. All Australia were the losers, and in their first innings put together 886 runs. Mr. Stoddard's team replying with 325, which necessitated a follow-on. In their second attempt the English team compiled 437 runs. The Australians then went in, but were only able to obtain 166, amidst the greatest excitement of the enormous crowd of spectators, leaving the English team winners by only ten runs. The match lasted six days.

Captain Jones, V.C., on his appointment as Minister Resident to Peru was lately summoned to kiss the Queen's hand at Balmoral. He was invited to stay at the Palace two days and twice dined at the Queen's table, on both occasions being placed third from Her Majesty. Both times he was also summoned later on in the evening to converse with the Queen, who was most gracious and kindly took much interest in the gallant Captain. He had to go to her. Probably Spanish topics were not excluded, but of this we have no written evidence. On the morning of his departure from Balmoral the Queen sent him handsomely-bound copies of her two books: "Leaves from my Journal" and "More Leaves from my Journal," which she had written with her own hand. To Captain H. M. Jones, V.C., from Victoria, B.C. It is gratifying to find that our old friend is held in such high estimation by his Sovereign, and we may well wish him success and prosperity in his new post at Lima, for which city he must by this time having started. How great and generous an interest he still takes in Bangkok matters is evidenced by the fact of his continuing his large contribution towards our Protestant Church Fund for the coming year. —*Bangkok Times*.

Mr. Villiers, the war correspondent of the *Standard*, in an interview published by a Japanese contemporary, is credited with saying that:

"Seeing as much of war as I have done, and knowing the quality of holding in soldiers when once their position is fixed, I must say that under the conditions the Japanese troops entered Port Arthur, the remembrance of the bodies of their mutilated comrades, which they saw on the 19th, still vividly before them, and on seeing the shockingly mutilated heads hanging to the eaves of the houses and one or two on the trees outside Port Arthur, I fully believe that if they were to be sent back to their homes, they would be blind with fury, would have shot at anything that came in their way, men, women, children or dogs. It would be almost doubtful whether the best disciplined troops could have been controlled by their officers. But what pained me extremely, what indeed amazed me, was the work of the three following days. It was unnecessary brutality, which I had never before expected the Japanese troops to have committed after the considerate treatment they had shown towards the prisoners and unoffending citizens at Kinchow and elsewhere."

He also stated that in Port Arthur [after it was taken], "there was no resistance, and consequently no expulsive bullets [used], and the massacre was, according to the same authority, 'certainly not by intoxicated coolies.'"

The following paragraph is worthy of attention of the Public Works Department:

The peculiarities of Borneo bilian or ironwood seem to mark it out as being most suitable for street paving purposes in London and other large towns where the traffic is exceptionally heavy. Some time since a cargo was brought to Messrs. for wood-paving purposes, and it was not heard of. Now a number of blocks have been imported into London by the Borneo Trading and Planting Company with the same object in view. Several of the vestries have been approached, and it is probable that arrangements will shortly be made to lay down a portion of a street in busy parts of the city for this purpose. Unlike the blocks hitherto used, the wood will be laid without any interstices and simply placed close together, and will not require the tar and stones as now in use. Borneo bilian, we may note, is a heavy, hard, durable wood of a dark brown color. When seasoned, it turns to a deep red, and with long exposure becomes as black as ebony. It bears exposure well, resists the teredo and white rot, and is almost indestructible. It is so hard that it has been used on one of H.M.S. of war for machinery bearings and lasted just three times as long as the previous ones of lignum vite. The only thing that seems to be feared is that it should be too hard for road purposes, but this will probably not exceed the asphalt used, whilst it should certainly not be more noisy.

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SUNDAY GARGO WORKING ORDINANCE.

THE PRIVILEGES OF MAIL STEAMERS. The following correspondence has been courteously forwarded to us by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce: — Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th November, 1894.

Sir, — With reference to your letter of the 27th August last I am directed to state for the information of the Chamber of Commerce, that a special exemption has been received from the Secretary of State in which His Lordship desires the Chamber to be informed that he sees no sufficient reason for allowing any further exemptions from the provisions of the Sunday Gargo Working Ordinance, 1891.

His Lordship also suggests that it should be pointed out to the Chamber of Commerce that the exemption allowed to certain Mail Steamers applies in cases where they are running under time contracts entered into before the coming into operation of that Ordinance and only for so long as those contracts are in force. — I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant.

(Signed) J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce & Co., &c.

(Copy.) Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Sir, — I am directed by my Committee to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29th November last, No. 230, and I am to point out that the Chamber is indebted to you of the 20th August, and 27th August as quoted by you, did not see that further exemptions from the provisions of the "Sunday Labor Ordinance" should be granted as you indicate was the wish of the Secretary of State to that effect, but that the provisions of that Ordinance would be enforced without favor against all vessels. It is clear from this that the Secretary of State cannot have understood the request of my Committee. I am therefore instructed to again call your attention to the Committee's letter of the 20th August and to beg that His Excellency the Governor will take in Bangkok matters is evidenced by the fact of his continuing his large contribution towards our Protestant Church Fund for the coming year. —*Bangkok Times*.

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have been President now for nearly two years, and I think it is time for somebody else to take the position of President. As I told you on your visit here, I have been to take up the Presidency, but I have not much of the men here, but I filled the gap for the time being. I am sorry that I have not had much opportunity of being the use to the Association I should have wished, and although I have every good wish for the future welfare of the Association, I must beg of you to accept my resignation.

Capt. Branch expressed the regret of the members.

The President — The next thing before us is the nomination of a new President. You will have seen from the report that it is proposed by most of the members that Captain Harris, of the *Namoi*, should succeed me in the Presidency. I have very much pleasure in recommending Captain Harris, and really believe the Association could not do better than elect him. Captain Harris, of my own certain knowledge, for the whole time I have been connected with the Association, has taken a marked interest in its affairs in every sense of the word, and I feel convinced you could not have selected a better man. (Applause).

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I think on this subject. I endorse what Capt. Harris has said, and I trust he has got many supporters in the Association and that they will support him in seeing that it is carried out on the lines of any respectable Club, Institute or Association of whatever you choose to term it (applause).

The meeting then considered an application by the Secretary for an increase of salary. He had been appointed on the same conditions as the previous Secretary, but the Association had increased its general expenses and he thought they could scarcely afford to fix the salary at \$100. He proposed that Mr. Williams should be continued at his present salary and that he should receive all the credit balance, after meeting the monthly expenses of the Association, up to \$100.

This was agreed to, and Mr. Williams, who had left the room while the discussion was going on, was called in, and expressed himself pleased with the arrangement. He hoped the credit balance would rapidly increase before the meeting closed. Captain Harris asked the members to be very careful in proposing or seconding new members. Some men who had been proposed as new members had enjoyed all the privileges of the Association for a considerable period without paying even the entrance fee, and had afterwards gone away leaving nothing behind except some pieces of valueless paper (laughter).

A vote of thanks to the retiring President, proposed by Captain Harris and seconded by Capt. McIsaac, was passed by the meeting, and this brought the proceedings to a close.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL' (Via Southern Line).

LONDON, 9th January, 1895.

MINISTER TO TONKIN.

M. Roussieu goes as Minister to Tonkin.

RED CROSS SOCIETIES.

The German Society has voted a sum of Four Hundred Pounds Sterling for the use of the Red Cross Society of Japan.

THE JAPANESE ARMY BEFORE PORT ARTHUR ACCUSED OF INDESCRIBABLE ATROCITIES.

The *Times* correspondent describes four days' horrible butchery of unarmed Chinese, attended with nameless atrocities. Groups of prisoners tied together, riddled with bullets, and afterwards kicked to pieces.

The *Times*, in a leading article, admits the Japanese had some provocation in the mutilation of a few of their countrymen, but the disgrace of cold-blooded butcheries rests with the Japanese Army, adding that the General who failed to arrest this merciless slaughter has cast an indelible blot upon Japanese arms.

(From *L'Avenir du Tonkin*.)

THE TRAITOR DREYFUS.

Paris, Dec. 31. The Council of Revision has confirmed the judgment upon Captain Dreyfus, who was convicted of treason.

THE RECALL OF M. DE LANESSAN.

